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HOUSE BILL 22-1364

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 **CONCERNING EXTENSION OF THE FOOD PANTRY ASSISTANCE GRANT**
102 **PROGRAM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH, MAKING AN**
103 **APPROPRIATION.**

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)

The food pantry assistance grant program is set to repeal on June 30, 2023. The bill extends the food pantry assistance grant program through July 1, 2028.

For the 2022-23 state fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$5 million from the general fund. For the 2023-24 state fiscal year, the bill

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appropriates \$3.5 million from the general fund. For the 2024-25 state fiscal year through the 2026-27 state fiscal year, the bill appropriates \$2 million annually from the general fund to be used only for the purchase of Colorado agricultural products; agricultural products that hold cultural significance for indigenous first nations people, or for other cultures or subcultural groups, including the ways in which those agricultural products are produced; agricultural products sold by agricultural producers located within 400 miles of the grant recipient; agricultural products sold by indigenous first nations producers located within Colorado and in neighboring states; and technical assistance.

The bill allows up to \$100,000 annually of the appropriation to be used to hire a nonprofit entity to provide technical assistance to a grant recipient to train food pantries and assist in the location and purchase of Colorado agricultural products. The bill also allows a grant recipient to pre-purchase Colorado agricultural products.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 26-2-139, **amend**
3 (1)(b)(I), (2), and (4)(c)(I); **repeal** (5); and **add** (4)(c)(IV), (4)(d), and (6)
4 as follows:

5 **26-2-139. Food pantry assistance grant program - created -**
6 **timeline and criteria - grants - definitions - repeal.** (1) As used in this
7 section, unless the context otherwise requires:

8 (b) (I) "Eligible entity" means, for the purposes of a food pantry
9 assistance grant, either a food bank or food pantry. ~~as defined in this~~
10 ~~subsection (1). Hunger-relief charitable organizations, as defined in~~
11 ~~section 39-22-536(1), are not eligible entities for purposes of this section.~~

12 (2) There is created in the state department the food pantry
13 assistance grant program. The purpose of the grant program is to aid
14 Colorado food pantries and food banks in the purchase of foods that
15 better meet the needs of their clientele, which has expanded significantly
16 as a result of the COVID-19 public health emergency. ~~It is the intent of~~
17 ~~the general assembly that all money awarded by the grant program is~~

1 ~~expended by July 1, 2022.~~

2 (4) (c) (I) To the extent practicable, food purchased by a grant
3 recipient using grant money MUST be designated as ONE OF THE
4 FOLLOWING:

5 (A) A Colorado agricultural product; OR

6 (B) AN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT THAT HOLDS CULTURAL
7 SIGNIFICANCE FOR INDIGENOUS FIRST NATIONS PEOPLE, OR FOR OTHER
8 CULTURES OR SUBCULTURAL GROUPS, INCLUDING THE WAYS IN WHICH
9 THOSE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS ARE PRODUCED.

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11 (IV) A GRANT RECIPIENT MAY CONTRACT WITH PRODUCERS OF
12 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS TO PRE-PURCHASE COLORADO AGRICULTURAL
13 PRODUCTS.

14 (d) THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAY AWARD UP TO ONE HUNDRED
15 THOUSAND DOLLARS ANNUALLY FROM THE MONEY APPROPRIATED
16 PURSUANT TO SUBSECTION (6) OF THIS SECTION TO A NONPROFIT ENTITY
17 TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO A GRANT RECIPIENT FOR TRAINING
18 FOOD PANTRIES AND PROVIDING INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE IN
19 PURCHASING AND LOCATING COLORADO AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THE
20 STATE DEPARTMENT OR A THIRD-PARTY ADMINISTRATOR SHALL SELECT
21 THE NONPROFIT ENTITY. THE NONPROFIT ENTITY MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE
22 WORKING WITH FOOD PANTRIES AND PRODUCERS OF COLORADO
23 AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

24 (5) ~~This section is repealed, effective June 30, 2023.~~

25 (6) (a) FOR STATE FISCAL YEAR 2022-23, THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY SHALL APPROPRIATE THREE MILLION DOLLARS FROM THE
27 GENERAL FUND TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT FOR THE GRANT PROGRAM.

1 (b) THIS SUBSECTION (6) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024.

2 **SECTION 2. Appropriation.** For the 2022-23 state fiscal year,
3 \$3,000,000. is appropriated to the department of human services for use
4 by the office of economic security. This appropriation is from the general
5 fund. To implement this act, the office may use this appropriation for the
6 food pantry assistance grant program.

7 **SECTION 3. Safety clause.** The general assembly hereby finds,
8 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate
9 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety.